



# Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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## **Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program Landing Requirements**

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries Service) would like to remind red snapper IFQ participants of the regulations regarding landing Gulf of Mexico red snapper.

Regulations state that IFQ red snapper "can only be possessed or landed by a vessel with a Gulf red snapper IFQ vessel endorsement.... The person landing the red snapper must hold or be assigned IFQ allocation at least equal to the pounds of red snapper landed" (§622.16(c)(1)(i)).

To comply with the regulations, the shareholder who owns the red snapper allocation must be onboard the vessel that is landing IFQ red snapper or they must assign another person as the "Fisherman Assignee" through the online IFQ system.

To designate a fisherman assignee, please follow the steps below:

1. Log into the IFQ Online Account at <https://ifq.sero.nmfs.noaa.gov>.
2. Select "Account Info."
3. To add a fisherman assignee, select "Add."
4. Fill out all needed information (the fisherman assignee USER ID and PIN is automatically generated by the system).
5. Select "Submit."

Once a fisherman assignee account is created, the shareholder must assign that fisherman assignee to a vessel listed in that shareholder's fleet.

To assign the fisherman assignee to a vessel, please follow the steps below:

1. Log into the IFQ Online Account at <https://ifq.sero.nmfs.noaa.gov>.
2. Select "Fleet."
3. Select "Add Fisherman" next to the desired vessel.
4. From the drop down menu, select the name of the fisherman assignee to be added.
5. Select "Add Contact."

When the fisherman assignee is assigned to a vessel, the shareholder must transfer allocation into the new fisherman assignee account before the fisherman assignee can land IFQ red snapper. Any unused allocation can be transferred back into the shareholder's account at any time.

To transfer allocation into the fisherman assignee account, please follow the steps below:

1. Log into the IFQ Online Account at <https://ifq.sero.nmfs.noaa.gov>.
2. Select "Allocation."
3. Select "Transfer Allocation to/from Assignee."
4. From the drop down menu, select the name of the fisherman assignee.
5. In the box labeled "Allocation (lbs)," enter the amount of allocation to be transferred.
6. Enter the purchase price (you must enter a value, even if it is zero).
7. Select "Submit."

For more information, or for questions or comments, please contact the IFQ Customer Service at 1-866-425-7627, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, excluding federal holidays.